

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I don't catch your point.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were six items of work in that Panchayat. On an average, it does not come to more than 2½.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Ayyantol there were only three works.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It was stated already, in this connection, on a previous occasion, that the work requires my special personal attention, in accordance with orders issued by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—“The Member is referred to Standing Order 92”. May I know which Standing Order?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Standing Orders of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is that Standing Order? Can I have a copy?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Please apply to the Superintendent of the Press, and probably, you will get a copy.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it is not given here, how can I ask supplementary questions?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is in the Library also here.

The Allopathic Dispensary at Velur.

329. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether

(a) the opening of an allopathic dispensary at Velur in the Talappalli Taluk was sanctioned by Government at any time; if so, when and upon what conditions;

(b) was not the site proposed by Government acquired by private agency and handed over to Government for this purpose free of cost; if so, by whom;

(c) was the construction of the building given for contract and were not building operations begun; was the contractor given any compensation by the Government for the loss sustained by him by the order to stop the work; for what purpose were the materials collected utilised;

(d) what were the particular reasons that induced the Government to cancel the sanction once accorded for the said dispensary and grant another in its stead at the same time to Kattur in the Mukundapuram Taluk; when was the dispensary to Kattur first sanctioned by Government and when was the Government first moved with regard to it by the people;

(e) were orders issued to the Land Revenue Department for the reassignment of the said site at Velur in the name of the Jenmi whose jenm right had already been acquired and placed at the disposal of the Sirkar at great cost by the private agency mentioned ;

(f) did not the public of Velur send petitions to the Government and the Medical Department to prevent this act and requesting that at least a proper Government Ayurvedic Dispensary may be granted to the disappointed public to be established on the site demanded by and supplied to the Government for the allopathic dispensary ;

(g) how many such petitions have been received by the Government and when ; what was done with those petitions ;

(h) has the Government any objection in establishing a full blown Ayurvedic Dispensary on the site thus acquired ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes, in 1096, on condition that the villagers of Velur will place at the disposal of Government a suitable rented building for the purpose.

(b) Yes. By the Velur Church authorities and the Urallars of the Chiramangat Devaswam. The site was formally acquired by Government.

(c) No contract for the construction of the building was given, nor were any building operations begun. No orders either to begin the work or to stop it were given. Government have not ordered the collection of any materials. The materials collected were taken back by the person who collected them.

(d) Want of funds ; the dispensary at Kattur was not opened instead of the one proposed at Velur. The idea was to take up the question of opening the dispensary at Velur as soon as the hospitals and dispensaries already opened were properly equipped. The dispensary at Kattur was finally sanctioned in 1096 ; but Government were first moved and negotiations begun as early as 1093.

(e) Yes.

(f) & (g) Two petitions were received, one in 1098 and the other in the current year, requesting that the dispensary may be established without delay. In the case of the former, the petitioners were informed that the question will be taken up as soon as the hospitals and dispensaries already opened are properly equipped. The latter petition is receiving the attention of Government.

(h) Government will consider the question.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—May I know what was done with the order to reassign the land ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I believe that the matter is still pending. The assignment is postponed.

The Mukundapuram Treasury defalcation Case.

330. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the parties acquitted by the acting Sessions Judge in the sensational Mukundapuram Treasury Defalcation Case, but who had already made good the defalcated amount have been refunded the respective amounts contributed by the officers ;

(2) whether they have been reinstated in their respective posts ;

(3) the reasons for not doing so, if the answers to (1) and (2) are in the negative ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2) Shroff P. Velu Menon was retired on pension. Sampathi K. S. Ayyappan was ordered to be reinstated as a Taluk Head clerk on Rs. 45 ; but since then he has applied for retirement.

(3) As for (1) the question of refund does not arise as the amount defalcated was recovered from the officers responsible under the rules. As for (2) Government considered it inexpedient, in view of the circumstances attending the case, to reinstate them to the posts they held at the time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why were they acquitted, and why was not the defalcated amount refunded, since they were acquitted ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Please see sub-division (3), where the answer is given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the necessity for prosecution, since they paid the defalcated amount.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not a supplementary question, Sir. I request for your ruling. An offence is committed, and therefore prosecution is necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was Mr. Ayyappan reduced to the post of Taluk Head clerk, when he was honourably acquitted ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Acquittal does not mean that a man is not guilty of want of official discipline or of official irregularities. Even after acquittal, he is amenable to the departmental discipline.

Public lighting in Porattisseri.

331. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—